REMARKS

Applicant has had an opportunity to consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of December 16, 2008. Claims 3, 11, 13, 16, 26, 29, and 39 have been amended. Claims 1-8, 11-21, 24-40, 43, 45 and 46 are pending allowance except for informal claim objections.

I. Claim Objections

Claims 3, 11, 13, 16, 26, 29, and 39 are objected to for minor informalities. Claims 3, 16 and 29 have been amended to recite $0 \le k$. Claim 11 has been amended to recite claim 1, rather than claim 10. Claims 13, 26 and 39 have been amended removing $2\text{SrO-}0.84\text{P}_2\text{O}_{5-}$ $_{0.16}\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$:Eu²⁺. Claim 13 has been amended to insert "and" before (Ba,Sr,Ca)Si_yN_z:Eu²⁺. Claim 26 has been amended to replace "claim 21" with "claim 25."

In light of the above amendments, Applicant asserts that claims 3, 11, 13, 16, 26, 29, and 39 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-8, 11-21, 24-40, 43, 45 and 46) are now in condition for allowance.

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